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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Brand Airfield

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brand airfield between 21 September and 7 October 1953:

21 September. There was intensive air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s which were repeatedly observed flying in formation of fours and eights after the morning fog had dissipated.

24 September. Between 10 a.m. and noon, MiG-15s made five flights of about 20 minutes duration. There was a cloud ceiling at an altitude of about 100 meters. The weather was dull and it rained intermittently.

27 September. At 7 a.m., 15 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off and, in three formations of five aircraft, flew toward west. There was a 2/10 overcast. At 11 a.m., 9 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked in front of the flight control station, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s each at both sides of the flight control station, and 4 MiG-15s, ready for take-off, at the eastern end of the runway. A total of 23 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were repeatedly counted at the field on the preceding days.

28 September. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., individual flights were made. The weather was 2/10 overcast. At 8 p.m., 24 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked on the southern taxiway and the alert flight of 4 MiG-15s at the eastern end of the runway.

29 September. Between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., there was intensive flying, including mostly individual flights and one formation flight of 8 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. The weather was 3/10 overcast at an altitude of 500 meters, clear and warm.

5 October. Between 6 p.m. and 8:50 p.m. there was flying. The runway for the first time was observed illuminated only by red lights. Three white lights were observed near the flight control station which were also in operation when no flying was being conducted. The aircraft had the usual position lights. There was a 7/10 overcast.

7 October. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., swept-back jet fighters made 25-minute flights. There was a 7/10 overcast.

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- 25X1X 2. In early October, a red stripe was observed on the tail assemblies of two U-MiG-15s [redacted] It could not be determined whether the wings also had a colored marking.²

- [redacted] 3. At 8 p.m. on 25 September, no lights were in operation at the field or were the quartering buildings and the guardhouse lighted.³ At 9:30 a.m. on 12 October, no soldiers, aircraft or sentries were observed at the field. The guardhouse was closed. At 8:40 p.m. the guardhouse was lighted and the gate was illuminated by searchlights. Many single-story buildings in the southern portion of the field were lighted. At the eastern edge of the field which was not illuminated, a rotating searchlight was in operation.⁴

- 25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. Brand airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment which is equipped with 30 to 35 MiG-15s. In early August 1953 the regiment transferred from Alt-Loennewitz to Brand.

- 25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. Similar observations have been reported from Jueterbog airfield. The meaning of the markings have not yet been determined.

- 25X1A 3. [redacted] Comment. At that time, no change in the occupation of the field was determined.

- 25X1A 4. [redacted] Comment. Since 8 October, elements of the regiment stationed at Brand moved to Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield to participate in exercises of the Fighter Division Merseburg. The ground personnel of the regiment remained in Brand.

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